Parliamentary constituency, to promote sports in the whole country; and

(b) if so, the details of the constituencies to which funds have been provided for building the stadia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Drug Abuse by Athletes

2268. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has announced appointment of a Commission to probe drug abuse scandal amongst athletes;

(b) if so, by when the Commission is likely to submit its report to Government;

(c) whether most of the Indian athletes are involved in drug abuse and dignity of the country has been lowered in the world; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information provided by IOA, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has appointed one man Medical Commission under Dr. Manmohan Singh, Member, Medical Commission, Olympic Council of Asia to look into the matter. The Commission was asked to submit its findings by 31st July, 2001.

(c) According to the information provided by IOA, except one weightlifter in 1990 Commonwealth Games, none of the Indian sports persons tested positive in any Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games.

(d) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has ordered the constitution

of a Committee consisting of the representatives of the Central Govt., the Indian Olympic Association and Sports Authority of India to meet and work out the modalities for preventing the use of drugs in sports.

Promotion of Sports in Himachal Pradesh

2269. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that action plan is prepared by Government from time to time for promotion of sports in the country, specially in Himachal Pradesh through the Sports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details of action plans prepared for Himachal Pradesh during 2000-2001; and

(c) the number of people benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) prepares Action Plan in totality for promotion of sports in the country and not exclusively for each State. With a view to promote Sports in Himachal Pradesh, SAI is implementing its SAI Training Centres Scheme in the State. At present, there are two SAI Training Centres one at Bilaspur and other at Dharmshala.

In order to provide training tc a larger number of talented sports persons and in more disciplines than those existing, the following steps have been taken for strengthening these Centres :—

(i) Increase in number of disciplines from three (Athletics, Boxing and Volleyball) in 1998-99 to five (Boxing, Hockey, Wrestling, Basketball and Judo) in 2000-2001.

(ii) Increase in number of trainees from 59 in 1998-99 to 69 in 2000-2001.

(iii) Increase in number of girl trainees from 4 in 1998-99 to 29 in 2000-2001.

(c) The details of new trainees identified for admission to SAI Training Centres at Bilaspur and Dharamshala for the year 2001-2002 are as follows:—

(i) SAI Training Centre, Bilaspur —34

(ii) SAI Training Centre, Dharamshala —13